

June 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO ASSIGN CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED EDUCATION
TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME
PREVENTION ACT**

(3 VOTE, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign a modification to assign a contract to provide an enhanced education transition services program for Probation wards at Camp Gonzales from the Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences to New Roads School, under the same terms and conditions, for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 in an amount not to exceed \$368,681.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to approve the addition or replacement of any agency subcontracting with New Roads School, and to execute modifications to the contract to extend the term for up to three additional 12-month periods, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for each term, contingent on continued legislative funding and approval as to form by County Counsel.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute modifications to the contract not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the total contract cost and/or one hundred eighty (180) days to the period of performance pursuant to the terms contained therein, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign a modification to assign the current contract with Crossroads School of Arts and Sciences (Crossroads) to New Roads School (New Roads), upon approval by County Counsel as to form. The contract was approved by your Board on August 20, 2002 to provide an enhanced education transition services program for Probation wards at Camp Gonzales under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan), authorized under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). On May 14, 2003, Crossroads representatives notified the Probation Department that they would not be extending their existing contract past its June 30, 2003 expiration date. However, they indicated that they would be willing to assign their interest to their subcontractor, New Roads. New Roads meets the minimum requirements set forth in the original Request for Proposals (RFP), and was co-founded by Crossroad's founder and Headmaster, Dr. Paul Cummins. New Roads will continue to operate the identical program under the management of Dr. Cummins and utilize the existing staff. The current contract allows Crossroads to assign the contract upon the written consent of each party. Consistent with that provision and in light of the seamless transition that would be realized, the Department believes it is in the County's best interest to assign the contract to New Roads.

The contracted services which are provided to Camp Gonzalez wards include: (1) assessment of the academic and non-academic strengths and weaknesses of youth; (2) development of a comprehensive school plan that includes a life plan and gives consideration and weight to the probationers' risk potential; (3) development of a teaching model specific to youth who may exhibit behaviors such as poor self concepts and histories of school failure; (4) development of linkages to community-based support systems that provide youth with mentoring, tutoring and close supervision that elicits their best effort; and (5) linkage to community colleges, trade schools, and/or innovative learning providers who can continue each youth's educational enrichment or training progress upon the youth's return to the community and enhance the youth's opportunities for employment.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The recommended contract will not exceed \$368,681 for the initial period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The costs are 100% offset by JJCPA funds, which are included in the FY 2003-2004 Probation Department's Budget. Consequently, no net County cost will be required to fund the contract. The contract includes provisions for non-appropriation of funds and budget reductions. Subsequent contract extensions will be in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 subject to continued legislative funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The proposed assignment is for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The contract term may be extended up to three additional 12-month periods contingent on continued legislative funding and approval as to form by County Counsel. The current contract contains all required provisions. The scope of work for the contracted services includes providing instructional enrichment programs and linkages to community educational/vocational learning services for Camp Gonzalez wards.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

On August 20, 2002, your Board approved contracting with Crossroads for the enhanced education transition services program in an amount not to exceed \$368,681. The contract was awarded for the period of August 28, 2002 through June 30, 2003 with four one-year options to extend, as a result of a competitive bid process conducted by the Probation Department. Language in the existing contract allows the County to assign the contract with express approval of both parties.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Probation Department to continue providing services in compliance with the Plan's mandate to provide instructional enrichment programs and linkages to community educational/vocational learning services to Probation youth without a break in services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Probation Officer

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 Chief Administrative Officer
 County Counsel